(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Indo-Iranian Joint Commission met at Tehran from 10-12 November, 1991.

(b) The meeting resulted in several decisions for promoting bilateral cooperation in the trade and economic, industrial, cultural, consular, scientific and technical exchanges for the field of agricultural research and training, and an MOU on consular matters were also concluded during the Joint Commission meeting.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The talks laid the ground for further expansion and development of Indo-Iranian relations.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Iranian side stated that the Kashmir issue is an internal matter for India and expressed support for India's Sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Setting up of Standing Committee of National Water Board

2426. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Standing Committee of the National Water Board for the implementation of the National Water Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) It has been proposed by the National Water Board that a standing committee be set up for implementing the various recommendations of the National Water Policy.

Appointment of Ambassadors to Newly Recognised Independent States of USSR

2427. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed Ambassadors to the newly recognised Independent States of USSR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to appoint Ambassadors to the newly recognised independent states of Estonian, Latvia and Lithuania on a concurrent accreditation basis from nearby countries. The agresements of these States is awaited for the appointments proposed.

Allotment to LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps

2428. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question N0. 149 on July 16,1991 and to state:

(a) whether the letters of Intent for dealership given by the various Oil Companies during the first six months of 1991 have since been reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?